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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: : D. Romeo
F. MAKISHMINA et al :
Serial No.: 945,459 : Group: 1646
Filed: October 20, 1997 :
For: NOVEL PROTEIN...THE SAME :

600 Third Avenue
New York, N.Y. 10016
April 18, 2001

REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Asst. Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Further to the above-identified application, Applicants respectfully request that the period for response to the outstanding Office Action be extended for two months until

April 22, 2001.

PTO Form 2038 (02-2000) is enclosed herewith to cover the appropriate fee. Should any further extensions of time or fees be necessary in order to maintain this application in pending condition, appropriate requests are hereby made and authorization is given to debit account # 02-2275.

Respectfully submitted,
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